

# Council

22 June 2026

## Public Question

### **Question from Emma Nelson to Cabinet Member for Housing and Customer Services, Councillor Flo Clucas**

I see there now a Security Guard at the main entrance to the Municipal Offices. Why is this now deemed necessary, when was the change made, and what is the total annual cost to CBC for provision of this service?

### **Cabinet Member response**

A security officer has been introduced in response to verbal and physically aggressive incidents in the public areas of the Municipal Offices, often targeted at staff. The frequency of incidents of this nature has increased over a period of time and notably so over the past six months. The presence of a security officer is intended to support the wellbeing of both colleagues and members of the public who work in and visit the offices.

This is a temporary six-month trial which commenced on 11 May 2026 and is part of a wider programme of improvements to enhance safety in the building. The cost will be a maximum of £23,000

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## Member Question

### Question from Councillor Chris Day to Cabinet Member for Planning and Building Control, Councillor Paul Baker

The Planning Protocol which was in place prior to the updated Protocol approved by the Council on 18 May says: “A schedule of all requests [for referral to the Planning Committee], together with the reasons as to whether they [sic] why they were accepted or declined will be maintained by the Head of Planning”

Could the Cabinet Member please supply a list of ward councillor requests for a Planning Committee decision that have been declined over the last three years. I would be grateful if the list would identify the planning application reference, and whether the request was declined because (a) it was received outside of the 21 day time limit, (b) did not contain valid planning reasons or (c) for other reasons.

I would also be grateful if the date range covered by the response could be identified.

### Cabinet Member response:

The following table relates to the time-period 01 April 2023 – to date.

| Ref. No.        | Proposal and Location   | Committee Requested by | Decision   | Chair of Planning Reason for Decision   | Date delegated decision issued |
|-----------------|---|------------------------|------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 26/00442/FUL    | Self-build dwelling at Charlton Manor, Ashley Road.           | Cllr Chris Day         | Not called | Clear technical officer concerns that can be dealt with through officer decision.   | 27.05.26                       |
| 26/00483/CONDIT | Variation of Con2. of 24/00399/FUL at The Folley Swindon Road | Cllr Flo Clucas        | Not called | The variation does not affect the original decision. Layout and wildlife issues are being dealt with through officer input. | LIVE                           |

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| 26/00447/FUL    | Rear balcony at 53 Leckhampton Road   | Cllr Julia Chandler | Not called | Satisfied that visual impact will be mitigated by screening and vegetation and can be dealt with through officer decision. | 22.05.26   |
| 25/00930/CONDIT | Variation of conditions 21 and 22 of planning permission ref. 20/01788/FUL land Shurdington Road          | Cllr Martin Horwood | Not called | Councillor missed deadline 21-day deadline.  | 12.11.25   |
| 25/01712/FUL    | Erection of 2no. Dwellings at former co-op Leckhampton Road.  | Cllr Julia Chandler | Not called | Councillor missed deadline 21-day deadline.  | LIVE       |
| 25/00286/CONDIT | Further extended use of vehicular construction access from Manor Road (Swindon Farm Phase 1)              | Cllr Flo Clucas     | Not called | Insufficient reasons given   | 09.04.2025 |
| 24/00073/FUL    | 12 months vehicular construction access from Manor Road (Swindon Farm Phase 1)                            | Cllr Flo Clucas     | Not called | Insufficient reasons given   | 15.03.2024 |
| 24/00167/DISCON | Discharge of conditions 3 (design details) and 5 (minor ancillary works) at The Lodge, College Bath Road. | Cllr Garth Barnes   | Not called | Outside remit of Planning Committee (discharge of conditions are always delegated)   | 27.06.2024 |
| 23/001102/CLEUD | Use of land as a residential caravan site for 19 caravans at Woodlands                                    | Cllr Fisher         | Not called | Outside remit of Planning Committee (CLEUDS are always delegated)  | 22.08.2023 |

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